

REMARKS

Claims 48-54 are currently pending in this application. By this amendment, Claims 26 and 29-47 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite prosecution of this application. Applicants hereby reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of canceled Claims 26 and 29-47 in a subsequently filed continuation application.

In the Advisory mailed April 3, 2009, the Examiner identified Claims 48-54 as allowed and Claims 26 and 29-47 as rejected. Claims 26 and 29-47 have been canceled. Since allowed Claims 48-54 are the only claims that remain in this application, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

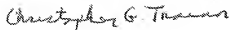
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims pending in this application, namely Claims 48-54, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early and favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, she is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the number indicated below.

Please charge any deficiency as well as any other fee(s) which may become due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and/or 1.17 at any time during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment of such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 21-0550. Also, in the event any extensions of time for responding are required for the pending application(s), please treat this

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paper as a petition to extend the time as required and charge Deposit Account No. 21-0550
therefor.

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